

REMARKS

The Official Communication asserts that the claim amendments made in Applicant's response of July 10, 2006 improperly changes the invention subsequent to proper restriction and election. Therefore, the Office has not entered the claim amendments of July 10, 2006 and the claims revert to their original form. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the interpretation by the Office of the proposed claim amendments.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for her time and candor in discussing this status of this case. In order to expedite prosecution, the claims have been amended in accordance with the Proposed Examiner's Amendment of December 19, 2005. Only minor alterations to the Examiner's proposal have been made.

This paper amends claims 4-5, cancels claim 3, and adds claim 6. Following the current amendment, claims 4-6 are pending and under examination. Claims 1-2 remain withdrawn as directed to a non-elected restriction group and will be canceled upon identification of allowable subject matter.

Applicant submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful to expedite allowance of this case, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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